## **REMARKS**

Claims 1-51 and 89-108, the elected claims in parent application serial No. 09/970,432, have been canceled. Therefore, claims 52, 54-57, 60, 62, 64, 67-69, 80, 82, 84, 86-88, 109-112 and 114-141 are pending in the application. The filing fee has been calculated according to the above-amendments.

An early action on the merits of claims 52, 54-57, 60, 62, 64, 67-69, 80, 82, 84, 86-88, 109-112 and 114-141 is requested.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments regarding the amendments, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number listed below.

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